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Interview Summary

Application No.
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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Richard Lee

Group Art Unit
2713



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Richard Lee (3) _____
(2) Mark Barrish (4) _____

Date of Interview Feb 5, 1998

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: claims 26, 33, 40, 47, 55, 56

Identification of prior art discussed:

Alexander III, Jau

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Newly proposed claims provided via fax on February 5, 1998 were discussed. It was agreed that if the limitations of "wherein the pivotal motion at the pivot point avoids lateral movement of the rigid member/rod at the insertion point" were to be incorporated into the proposed independent claims, then the claimed limitations would overcome the applied art of record. The Examiner is currently awaiting a response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 1997.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

RICHARD LEE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.